

Board of Commissioners
February 19, 2008 – 2:30 pm

Meeting called to order by President Rininger. Commissioners Rininger, Logsdon, Gogel, and Board Attorney Lueken were present.

Ambulance Report

Murry Stout, representing Spencer County Emergency Ambulance Service, stated that the Indiana Bond Bank and Public-Finance.com were both contacted about financing the purchase of the new ambulance. Indiana Bond Bank offered a 3.1306% interest rate with an annual payment of \$29,095.00 for 4 years. Public-Finance.com offered a 3.99% interest rate with an annual payment of \$29,767.72 for four years. Lueken explained that a resolution would be needed to approve the use of Indiana Bond Bank. Logsdon made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-01 authorizing the use of Indiana Bond Bank. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Lueken further explained that papers will be coming from the Indiana Bond Bank for the commissioners to sign. Stout asked to be placed on the agenda for the February 29th meeting.

Property Maintenance Ordinance

Rininger explained that Lueken did not have time to review the changes made in the Property Maintenance Ordinance and said it will be on the agenda for the February 29th meeting. Gogel questioned if more legal fees need to be spent on the ordinance when they have not decided if it is even needed. Lueken stated he will only be comparing the new draft to his notes to see if the suggested changes were made.

Economic Development

Rininger stated that he attended an informational meeting with Lincolnland Economic Development Corporation and progress is being made on two potential projects moving into the county.

Highway Report

MPW – Highway Superintendent Painter stated that he has received complaints that MPW trucks are turning west on CR 200 out of their parking lot and running on county roads which are under the weight ordinance and the Frost Law. The trucks are supposed to exit to the east and turn onto SR 231. Painter stated he has spoken with law enforcement and told them tickets can be issued for violation of the weight ordinance and the Frost Law. Logsdon recommended Painter draft a letter with the help of Lueken which can be used as a form letter from now on when violations occur.

Lincoln Ave – Painter stated that the holes on Lincoln Avenue by the old Pottery building have been filled in by someone with ground pottery. Rininger stated that the road will need to be widened. Painter said that it has been too wet to work on the road right now but he will get some rock down until the weather gets better.

Total Patcher – Painter asked if one of the commissioners could go to the council meeting when the additional for the Total Patcher is discussed. He needs to leave to attend a funeral. Gogel stated he would attend. Painter is still in contact with the Town of Dale on purchasing the old DuraPatcher.

Fuel Truck Replacement – Painter asked for the commissioners to consider the replacement of the fuel truck. The commissioners asked Painter to bring back prices for new and used trucks.

Snow Removal – Painter discussed how he sets the priority of which roads to clean first after a snow fall. He said he starts with the heaviest traveled CEDIT roads first, then the roads around the two high schools and then he starts on the next highest traveled roads. Painter stated that it would take the crews two to three days to clean all of the county roads, if the county just gets snow. The commissioners agreed that they trust his judgment on which roads need to be done first.

E. S. Wagner Co. – Lueken stated that Engineer Lloyd prepared a letter in regard to a request by E. S. Wagner Co. to in haul equipment on CR 475 E and CR 1350 N for a construction project. Since it was a one time haul she and Lueken asked them to sign an Agreement to Defend, Hold Harmless, Indemnify, and Insure. The company emailed the signed document back to the county along with a release to be signed by the county when the project is complete. Logsdon said the Town of Santa Claus will need to be notified also because part of the road is within the town.

Grant Agreement

EMA Director Perdue requested the commissioners sign an amendment to the 2006 Sub Grant Agreement which the county used to purchase laptops. Logsdon made a motion to sign the agreement. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Surveyor

Surveyor Sublett thanked the commissioners for allowing him to move to the basement office. He said he is getting organized. He requested that he be allowed to install new flooring in the office. He obtained two quotes: Larry's Rockport Trading Center \$857.95 and Ruxer \$1394.45. Logsdon stated that before the meeting he looked at the current flooring with Maintenance Supervisor Joe King. King would like to try to clean the current flooring with chemicals and an electric scrubber. He said it was an older high quality flooring and he felt he could get it clean. Logsdon suggested letting King try to clean and then if it did not work look at new flooring.

Part-time Help – Sublett stated that with the \$5,000 budgeted for part-time help the Auditor's office has told him that she can only work 11 hours per week. Logsdon explained that is to make the \$5,000 last through the end of the year. Sublett said he would like to have her work four hours per day for four days a week. Shelton explained that if he has her work more hours, he needs to keep in contact with the Auditor's office so he will know when the money is running low.

Voting Machines

Clerk Jochim explained to the commissioners the need for additional voting machines and associated equipment. She will be going to the council for the money next month and wanted the commissioners to be informed.

Jochim discussed the possibility of Voting Centers being offered by state law.

Logsdon asked Jochim if the printers listed would be capable of producing a paper trail if it was required in the future. Voter Registration Clerk John Rudisill stated that if a paper ballot or paper trail was required by law new equipment would need to be purchased.

Sub-division Exemptions

Nathan Helms, Theresa Cail, and Bob Cochenour representing the Advisory Plan Commission spoke to the commissioners regarding the Sub-division Exemptions. Helm stated that there has been confusion over the current exemptions and the board is trying to clean it up and make it easier to understand. He discussed the requirements of five acre lots and 100 feet of road footage. He said they are trying to avoid substandard roads being built and forcing future commissioners to pay for the cost of upgrading the road. The Advisory Plan Commission will be bringing the suggested changes to the commissioners when they are complete.

Christmas Lake Village Properties

Mark Kroeger and Don Vogel representing Christmas Lake Village Board of Directors gave the commissioners a draft of a proposal to purchase the Christmas Lake Village lots which are currently owned by the county. There are 34 lots owned by the county which have gone through a tax sale and a commissioners' sale and were not purchased. The CLV Board would like the commissioners to hold another commissioners' sale and if any lots were not bid on the board would be the final bidder for one dollar. The board would then market the lots for sale. The board would also like to apply to have the "non-buildable" lots made part of the CLV common property and therefore tax-exempt. The commissioners asked Shelton to forward the proposal to the Assessor and SRI for their review. Kroeger and Vogel will bring a formal proposal to the February 29th meeting.

Logsdon discussed the agreement the county made with E. S. Wagner Co. Kroeger stated he will pass along the information to the Santa Claus Utilities Supervisor. Shelton forwarded the emailed agreement to Kroeger.

CR 925 E Drainage Problem

Tammy Graham addressed the commissioners regarding a problem of flooding on CR 925 E. She stated a trench has been dug in the road by the amount of water which runs across the road after a rain. She had pictures of the problem. Rininger stated that it looks like a culvert needs to be put under the road. The property is in Gogel's district. Gogel will talk to Painter about a culvert.

Legal Report

Lueken presented the commissioners with a revised contract for legal services, adding to the contract that he will keep the commissioners informed of all current and possible future legal work done. Logsdon made a motion to approve the agreement. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Fulda Regional Sewer District

Logsdon stated that he and Gogel attended the Fulda Regional Sewer District Annual Meeting and they were impressed with their report and with the commitment of the board and the operator. Gogel stated that most months the water coming out of it meets the drinking water requirements.

Friends of Richland

Rininger stated that there will be a Friends of Richland Meeting on Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm.

Board of Commissioners,

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Attest:	
_____ Cindy Shelton, Auditor	_____
